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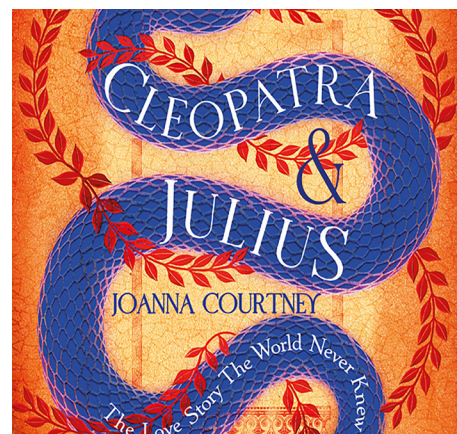
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Cleopatra & Julius

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Synopsis

Consecrated at birth as a royal goddess, Cleopatra learns early on that to rule means to fight. Politically astute, her deep love for Egypt means she'll do everything in her power to retain its autonomy from the all-devouring Romans. Julius Caesar is a legendary warrior whose might helped secure the Egyptian throne for Cleopatra's father. Years later, when he encounters the now Queen of Egypt, it is more than a meeting of rulers - it is a meeting of souls. In *Julius*, Cleopatra finds the first person who challenges and respects her fiercely brilliant mind, understands her duty and shares her passionate nature. Their union, forged in conflict, seems unbreakable, but are the bonds binding them to their countries even stronger? In a choice between love and duty, only one can win....



Discussion points for *Cleopatra & Julius*

1. How does Cleopatra's character evolve throughout the novel?
2. How does the historical backdrop of ancient Egypt and Rome enhance the story?
3. Explore the relationship between Cleopatra and Julius Caesar. How does their partnership reflect both personal and political dimensions?
4. Did you enjoy the ending?

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